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Mountain View Street Reconstruction Projects to Divert Waste Tires from Local Landfills

The City of Mountain View is pleased to announce that on May 28, 2008 it was awarded a \$175,000 grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to use rubberized asphalt concrete pavement for the Velarde Street, Elsie Avenue, Peacock Avenue, and North Bayshore Street Rehabilitation Projects scheduled for construction in early fall 2008 and in spring 2009.

Rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) is an environmentally-friendly alternative to conventional asphalt made by blending rubber from recycled waste tires with asphalt, and then applying the mix to road surfaces. Standard RAC diverts from local landfills 2 waste tires for every ton of RAC used. RAC also resists cracking, retains its original color so road markings are more clearly visible, reduces noise, and is reported to have a lower lifecycle cost than conventional asphalt.

The City has had a longstanding objective of utilizing RAC on street construction projects to lessen the impact of such projects on the environment. The Velarde Street, Elsie Avenue, Peacock Avenue, and North Bayshore Street Rehabilitation Projects will be the first in the City of Mountain View to use rubberized asphalt concrete, and collectively will divert 7,000 waste tires from local landfills.



The sign from the CIWMB announcing the grant award is shown below:



Please contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 with any questions or concerns you may have during the construction. Thank you.